



2011 NCAA Division I Football Championship Game Weekly Update, Nov. 2

The 2011 NCAA Division I Football Championship Game will be played Friday, January, 7, 2011, at 6 p.m. (CST) at Pizza Hut Park in Frisco, Texas. The game, which concludes a 20-team national playoff, will be hosted by the Southland Conference, the City of Frisco and Hunt Sports Group. Pizza Hut Park will also host the 2012 and 2013 national championship games. The national title games were awarded to Frisco in February after a 13-year run in Chattanooga, Tenn.

Ticket Information

Tickets for the 2011 NCAA Division I Football Championship Game are now available online at ncaa.com/football or by calling (469) 365-0000. Tickets range from \$30 to \$40.

About the Football Championship Subdivision

With 119 member universities and nearly 13,000 student-athletes taking the field each fall, the Division I Football Championship Subdivision embodies a tradition of excellence through a high level of competition, student-athlete character and sportsmanship throughout the regular season and the championship experience. Former FCS football student-athletes include Walter Payton, Jerry Rice, Kurt Warner and current NFL stars Tony Romo, Jared Allen, Miles Austin, Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie and Joe Flacco. Former coaches in the FCS, include Eddie Robinson, Jim Tressel, Mack Brown, Bobby Bowden, and Dennis Franchione. Ten FCS conferences receive automatic berths to the NCAA Championship, including the Big Sky, Big South, Colonial Athletic Association, Mid-Eastern Athletic, Missouri Valley Football, Northeast, Ohio Valley, Patriot League, Southern, and the Southland.

Major Awards in the FCS

The Walter Payton Award is bestowed on the outstanding player in the Football Championship Subdivision and the Buck Buchanan Award goes to the subdivision's outstanding defensive player. The Eddie Robinson Award is presented to the top coach in the FCS. This year's award winners will be announced at a national awards banquet on Thursday, Jan. 6 in Frisco, Texas. The only Texans on the watch list for this year's awards play at Stephen F. Austin. Lumberjacks quarterback Jeremy Moses is from Baytown, Texas, and is the top returning vote recipient among last year's finalists for the Payton Award. SFA linebacker Jabara Williams, who is from Garrison, Texas, is one of 20 players on the watch list for the Buchanan Award. Current Dallas Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo won the 2002 Walter Payton Award in his senior year at Eastern Illinois.

Did You Know?

Stephen F. Austin is the only team from the state of Texas to have played in the NCAA Division I Football Championship Game. The Lumberjacks played in the 1989 title game in Statesboro, Ga., and lost 37-34 to Georgia Southern.

This Week's National FCS Polls

FCS Coaches Poll (Nov. 1)

<i>Rk.</i>	<i>Team (No. 1 Votes)</i>	<i>Record</i>
1.	Appalachian State (27)	8-0
2.	Jacksonville State (1)	8-0
3.	Villanova	6-2
4.	Delaware	7-1
5.	William & Mary	6-2
6.	Eastern Washington	7-2
7.	Wofford	7-1
8.	New Hampshire	5-3
9.	Stephen F. Austin	6-2
10.	Southeast Missouri State	8-1

For the complete FCS Top 25 Coaches poll, [click here](#).

The Sports Network/Fathead.com Poll (Nov. 1)

Rk. Team (No. 1 Votes)..... Rec

1. Appalachian State (134)..... 8-0
2. Jacksonville State (16) 8-0
3. Villanova (1) 6-2
4. William & Mary (3) 6-2
5. Delaware..... 7-1
6. Eastern Washington..... 7-2
7. Wofford (1) 7-1
8. New Hampshire..... 5-3
9. Southeast Missouri State..... 8-1
10. Stephen F. Austin..... 6-2

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FCS Game of the Week: Nov. 6

No. 4/5 William & Mary (6-2) at No. 8 New Hampshire (5-3), 11 a.m., CDT
TV: None

FCS Conference Leaders

Big Sky: Eastern Washington (6-1 league record)

Big South: Liberty and Stony Brook (3-0)

Colonial: Delaware, Villanova and William & Mary (4-1)

Mid-Eastern: Bethune-Cookman (5-0)

Missouri Valley: Northern Iowa (4-1)

Northeast: Robert Morris (6-0)

Ohio Valley: Southeast Missouri State (7-0)

Patriot: Lehigh (2-0)

Southern: Appalachian State (6-0)

Southland: McNeese State, Northwestern State and Stephen F. Austin (3-1)

Recent NCAA Division I National Champions

2009: Villanova

2008: Richmond

2007: Appalachian State

2006: Appalachian State

2005: Appalachian State

Key Upcoming Dates

Nov. 20: Final Regular Season Games

Nov. 21: NCAA Announces 20-Team Bracket for 2011 NCAA Championship

Nov. 27: First-Round Games at Campus Sites

Dec. 4: Second-Round Games at Campus Sites

Dec. 10-11: Quarterfinal Games at Campus Sites

Dec. 17-18: Semifinal Games at Campus Sites

Jan. 7: NCAA Division I Championship Game, Pizza Hut Park, Frisco

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